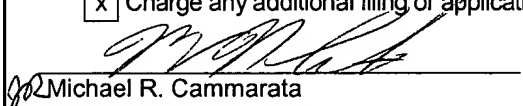




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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-10, 12, 13, 16-22, and 24-29, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.